



Rochester's Committee on Urban Design & Environment · 2122 Campus Drive SE, Suite 100 · Rochester, MN 55904

The Committee on Urban Design and Environment (CUDE) met at 11:30 AM on Thursday, September 17, 2009 in Room 320 City Hall, Rochester, MN.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dick Abraham, Nora Dooley, Mark Engel, Sandi Goslee, Mark Jasmin, Jim Judisch, Stephan Lewis, Lindsey Meek, Dave Petersen, Terry Spaeth, Zach Thaler, Jesse Wallace, Jean Weathers-Lowin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gail Eadie, Roger Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT

Terry Meyer

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 11:35.

Mr. Lewis motion/Ms. Meek second to approve the August minutes. Unanimous approval.

Referral Notices

Mr. Spaeth presented a brief description of the Cascade Creek redevelopment project in the Kutzky Park neighborhood. The developers are going through the zone change now and will be applying for TIF funds. Mr. Spaeth will try to schedule a full presentation on this for the October meeting.

Notes of Appreciation

Ms. Goslee suggested that the TH 52 landscaping be considered for a CUDE commendation – Mr. Lewis will take pictures while things are still in bloom. Ms. Dooley will bring in pictures of a house by the Edison Building that is of note. Mr. Jasmin brought up the landscaping at a house on 14th Street NE, just east of 11th Avenue – that house has already received a CUDE award.

Subcommittees

Subcommittee membership will be as follows:

Natural Systems

Roger Nelson
Sandi Goslee
Nora Dooley

City Visioning

Jean Weathers-Lowin
Dave Petersen
Stephan Lewis
Lindsey Meek
Mark Engel
Zach Thaler
Jim Judisch

Design Review

Dave Petersen
Mark Jasmin
Terry Spaeth
Dick Abraham
Gail Eadie

Awards

Sandi Goslee
Jesse Wallace
Nora Dooley

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CUDE History

Ms. Goslee distributed CUDE's mission statement and goals and briefly summarized CUDE's history. She stated that any links or documents members want on the website should be submitted to her.

Other

Ms. Goslee noted that Pauline Walle resigned from CUDE.

Mr. Spaeth stated that the city of Temple, Texas, contacted Rochester to use the City as a model for economic development, complete streets (Mr. Engel expressed kudos to Mitzi Baker on this one), etc. They are really impressed by our community and how we do things.

Mr. Judisch asked for an update on the Furlow Apartments. Mr. Lewis stated that they are still working on a parking agreement with a neighboring church. The Council used a lot of the language that CUDE recommended and were happy to get input from us. There will be a special Council meeting on September 22 to make a final decision.

Ms. Dooley provided an update on Quarry Hill. She said that Roberta Tolan asked us to wait to send a letter to Ron Bastian, Park and Recreation Director, until she could meet with him. They were able to get an additional \$20,000 grant for pond repair and the upcoming Fall Fest will also provide funds. There are five other grants pending.

Adjourn – 12:25. Next meeting will be at 11:30 on October 15th in Room 320 City Hall.